

## Missouri September 1 Hog Inventory



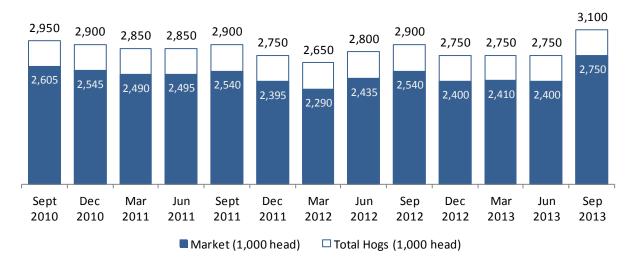
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## **September Hog and Pig Inventory at 3.1 Million Highest Since 2008**

(COLUMBIA, Mo.) - The September 1, 2013 Missouri hogs and pigs inventory is estimated at 3.1 million head according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This is an increase of 350 thousand from June 1, and is 200 thousand more than last year's September inventory. Breeding hogs are estimated at 350,000 head, 10 thousand below one year ago. Market hogs are estimated at 2.75 million head 210 thousand above last year.

## **Quarterly Missouri Hog Inventory**



The **June-August pig crop** is estimated at 2.028 million head, up two percent from last quarter and three percent above last year's estimated June-August pig crop. **Farrowings**, at 195 thousand sows, is a 5 thousand sow increase from last quarter and 10 thousand more than a year ago. **Pigs saved per litter** is at 10.4, compared to 10.5 pigs per litter for the same quarter last year.

Missouri hog producers **intend to farrow** 195 thousand sows during September-November, 15 thousand more than the number that were actually farrowed during the same period a year earlier. During December-February, hog producers expect to farrow 190 thousand sows, 10 thousand sows more than actual farrowings during the same period a year earlier.

## Missouri September Inventory 2011-2013 Sows Farrowing, Pig Crop, Inventory, and Pigs per Litter

Percent of				
	2011	2012	2013	Previous Year
Hogs & pigs kept for breeding	360,000	360,000	350,000	97
Hogs & pigs for market	2,540,000	2,540,000	2,750,000	108
Under 50 pounds	1,020,000	1,085,000	1,230,000	113
50-119 pounds	615,000	625,000	650,000	104
120-179 pounds	475,000	390,000	420,000	108
180 pounds and over	430,000	440,000	450,000	102
Hogs and pigs total	2,900,000	2,900,000	3,100,000	107
Pig crop	1,995,000	1,961,000	2,028,000	103
Pigs per litter	10.5	10.6	10.4	98

**United States Highlights:** United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2013 was 68.4 million head. This was up slightly from September 1, 2012, and up 3 percent from June 1, 2013. Breeding inventory, at 5.81 million head, was up slightly from last year, but down 1 percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 62.5 million head, was up slightly from last year, and up 3 percent from last quarter.

The June-August 2013 pig crop, at 30.2 million head, was up 2 percent from 2012. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.92 million head, down slightly from 2012. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.33 for the June-August period, compared to 10.13 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.80 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.40 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.90 million sows farrow during the September-November 2013 quarter, up slightly from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2012, but down 1 percent from 2011. Intended farrowings for December-February 2014, at 2.87 million sows, are up 1 percent from 2013, and up slightly from 2012. The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 46 percent of the total United States hog inventory, down from 47 percent last year.

A random sample of roughly 7,500 United States producers was surveyed to provide data for these estimates. Survey procedures ensured that all hog and pig producers, regardless of size, had a chance to be included in the survey. Large operations were sampled more heavily than small operations. During the first half of June 2013, data were collected from about 5,800 operations, 77 percent of the total sample. The data collected were received by electronic data reporting (EDR), mail, telephone, and face-to-face personal interviews. Regardless of when operations responded, they were asked to report inventories as of September 1, 2013.

U.S. Report: http://usda01.library.cornell.edu/usda/nass/HogsPigs//2010s/2013/HogsPigs-09-27-2013.pdf